(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the major bottlenecks in the growth of the power sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) to

(d) The key concerns and bottlenecks in the power sector are:

* Distribution characterized by high Aggregate Technical and commercial (ATC) losses and poor quality of supply;
* Financial health of utilities;
* Peaking and energy shortages;
* 44% households yet to get electricity;

These are being addressed in the following manner:

* The Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) provides for investments which lead to efficiency gains in identified distribution circles. It also provides incentives to States by providing a grant equivalent to half the reduction of cash losses in a particular year.
* An ambitious capacity addition programme is being undertaken in the Tenth Plan. The National Electricity Policy envisages creation not only of adequate capacity for meeting peaking as well as energy needs but also the creation of a 5% spinning reserve by 2012.
* The Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) has been launched with 90% capital subsidy being provided by the Central Government for the fulfilment of the objective of National Common Minimum Programme of providing access to electricity to all households in five years.

Public investment in Power Sector

301. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether public investment in power sector is being stepped up considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tenth Plan outlay for power sector in the public sector is Rs. 2,70276.36 crore comprising of Rs. 1,77,050.64 crore for the Central Sector schemes and Rs. 93,225.72 crore for the State Sector Schemes. As compared to Ninth Plan outlay, it constitutes 232% increase in the Central Sector outlay and 30.9% increase in the State Sector outlay.

(c) Does not arise.

Rural electrification in Jharkhand

302. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of programmes under the Rural Electrification Programme at present;

(b) the amount under the various programmes for rural electrification in Jharkhand during the last two years; and

(c) the amount released and utilized so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) For attainment of the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) goal of providing access to electricity to all households in five years, Government of India has introduced "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikarn Yojana" (RGGVY).

(b) Under Kutir Jyoti, Rs. 240 lakh grant was sanctioned and Rs. 104.563 lakh was drawn during 2003-04 & 2004-05. Jharkhand State Electricity Board has reported release of 44,710 KJ connections.

In 2004-05, Government of India, introduced a scheme "Accelerated Electrification of one lakh villages and one crore households". No proposal was received from Jharkhand.

(c) The question does not arise.